

## **EXHIBIT G**



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Re: Appeal Nos. DOJ-AP-2019-005483,  
DOJ-AP-2019-005484, DOJ-AP-2019-  
005486, DOJ-AP-2019-005488, DOJ-  
AP-2019-005489, DOJ-AP-2019-  
005490 & DOJ-AP-2019-005492  
Request Nos. NFP-105033, NFP-  
105035, NFP-105036, NFP-105041,  
NFP-105042, NFP-105043, & NFP-  
105044  
CDT:PJA

**VIA: Email**

Dear Sean Riordan:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act requests for access to various records concerning refugees in the United States since January 19, 2017. I note that your appeals concern the FBI's determination that your requests were not reasonably described. Please note that this Office was closed due to a lapse in funding appropriations between December 22, 2018 and January 25, 2019, which resulted in a delay in responding to your appeal.

After carefully considering your appeals, I am affirming the FBI's actions on your requests. A proper FOIA request for records must reasonably describe the records sought. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(A); see also 28 C.F.R. § 16.3(b)(2018). The FBI informed you that you did not reasonably describe the subjects of your requests. I have determined that the FBI's responses were correct. Your requests seeks any surveillance or investigatory records, along with records of any communications, concerning a broad subject. These requests lacks sufficient identifying information that could be used by the FBI to conduct a search of its databases and file systems. Furthermore, your requests ask for records that are not indexed by the FBI in the manner described. You are welcome to submit new, clearer requests directly to the FBI.

Please be advised that this Office's decision was made only after a full review of this matter. Your appeals were assigned to an attorney with this Office who thoroughly reviewed and analyzed your appeals, your underlying requests, and the actions of the FBI in response to your requests.

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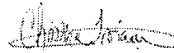
If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeals, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

For your information, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769. If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

Sincerely,

7/12/2019

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Christina D. Troiani, Associate Chief, for  
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Signed by: CHRISTINA TROIANI